



IN THE CLAIMS

Please attend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An image processor comprising:

a switch configured to divide image data into $m \times n$ pixels, having n lines with m pixels per one line and to transfer each one of the n lines of image data to a predetermined destination;

a storage unit including $(n-1)$ number of memories each configured to store one line of the n lines of the image data;

a control unit configured to control the transfer of the each one of the n lines of the image data to the predetermined destination;

a compression unit configured to batch compress the image data of $m \times n$ pixels, wherein said control unit is further configured to control said switch to directly transfer $(n-1)$ lines of the n lines of the image data to the $(n-1)$ number of memories, and a remaining one line of the n lines of the image data directly to said compression unit; and to control the storage unit to transfer the $(n-1)$ lines of the image data stored in the $(n-1)$ number of memories to said compression unit, and

wherein said transfer from the storage unit of the $(n-1)$ lines of the image data stored in the $(n-1)$ number of memories to said compression unit is performed simultaneously with the direct transfer of said remaining one line of the n lines of the image data to said compression unit.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The image processor according to claim 1, wherein the $(n-1)$ number of memories are $(n-1)$ number of FIFO (first-in first-out) memories.

Claims 3-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): An image processor comprising:

means for dividing image data into $m \times n$ pixels, having n lines with m pixels per one line;

means for transferring without storing in the means for transferring each one of n lines of the image data to a predetermined destination;

means for switching the predetermined destination for the each one of the n lines of the image data;

means for storing $(n-1)$ lines of the image data;

means for controlling the transfer of each one of the n lines of the image data to the predetermined destination;

means for batch compressing the image data of $m \times n$ pixels,

wherein said means for controlling controls said means for switching to directly transfer ~~without storing~~ $(n-1)$ lines of the n lines of the image data to said means for storing, and the remaining one line of the n lines of the image data directly to said means for batch compressing; and controls the means for storing to transfer the $(n-1)$ lines of the image data stored in the means for storing to said means for batch compressing, and

wherein said transfer from the means for storage of the $(n-1)$ lines of the image data stored in the means for storing to said means for batch compressing is performed simultaneously with the direct transfer of said remaining one line of the n lines of the image data to said means for batch processing.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The image processor according to claim 6, wherein said means for storing comprises $(n-1)$ number of FIFO (first-in first-out) memories.

Claims 8-10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): An image processing method comprising:
dividing image data into $m \times n$ pixels, having n lines with m pixels per one line;
transferring ~~without storing~~ each one of the n lines of the image data to a
predetermined destination;
switching the predetermined destination for the each one of the n lines of the image
data;
storing one line of the n lines of the image data in each of $(n-1)$ number of memories;
batch compressing the image data of $m \times n$ pixels,
wherein said transferring directly transfers $(n-1)$ lines of the n lines of the image data
to said $(n-1)$ number of memories and the remaining one line of the n lines of the image data
directly to a compression unit based on said switching; and transfers the $(n-1)$ lines stored in
the $(n-1)$ number of memories to said compression unit, and
wherein said transferring of the $(n-1)$ lines of the image data stored in the $(n-1)$
number of memories to said compression unit is performed simultaneously with the direct
transfer of said remaining one line of the n lines of the image data to said compression unit.

Claims 12 and 13 (Canceled).